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**MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Trevor M. Fuller and Commissioners  
Dumont Clarke, Patricia "Pat" Cotham, George Dunlap,  
Bill James, Vilma D. Leake, Jim Puckett,  
Matthew Ridenhour and Ella B. Scarborough  
Deputy County Manager/Chief of Staff Chris Peek  
County Attorney Marvin A. Bethune  
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

**Absent:** None

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**-INFORMAL SESSION-**

***The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fuller, after which the matters below were addressed.***

**REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT**

The Board identified items 16-3131, 16-3138, 16-3139, 16-3140 (pulled later during the meeting), 16-3142, and 16-3144 to be removed from Consent and voted upon separately.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes, to move Item 16-3131 Proclamation Social Work Appreciation Month from Consent to the Awards/Recognition section of the agenda.

**STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE**

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**CLOSED SESSION**

**16-3130 - LAND ACQUISITION; 16-3135 - CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY;  
16-3149 - BUSINESS LOCATION AND EXPANSION**

Prior to going into Closed Session County Attorney Bethune noted the following Land Acquisition matters to be discussed in Closed Session: Tax Parcels: 115-091-03; 015-252-27 and 015-461-10; 031-163-03 and 031-471-09; 081-082-04, 081-082-08, and 081-082-01.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purposes: Land Acquisition, Consult with Attorney and Business Location and Expansion.

***The Board went into Closed Session at 5:20 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:31 p.m.***

***The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.***

**-FORMAL SESSION-**

*Chairman Fuller called this portion of the meeting to order which was followed by introductions, invocation by Commissioner Dunlap, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; after which, the matters below were addressed.*

*Note: Commissioner Leake acknowledged the passing of former Charlotte City Councilman Malachi Greene and expressed condolences to his family.*

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

**16-3133 PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the Agenda:

Shawn Greeson, on behalf of the Mecklenburg County Metrolina Native American Association and other related Associations, informed the Board that a coalition had been formed consisting of various Native American groups, tribes, non-Native American allies, community leaders, businesses, churches, neighborhood associations and others. Mr. Greeson said the hope was to inspire the Board, as well as, Charlotte City Council to change Columbus Day to "Indigenous Peoples' Day." Mr. Greeson said "Columbus was the equivalent of Adolf Hitler to Native

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Americans.” He said it would be hard to find another “group” that had been “continually oppressed and simply forgotten about and cast aside as the Native American had.” Mr. Greeson said even if County and City offices were open on Columbus Day, there’s a still an acknowledgment of the day. He asked that the Board address this matter as soon as possible. He said the Board would receive further communications regarding this matter.

Stephani Tucker, Ashley Love, and Terrence Bamberg appeared on behalf of the National Kidney Foundation. They acknowledged the month of March as National Kidney Month and March 10, 2016, as World Kidney Day. Their purpose was to bring awareness regarding kidney disease and to make persons aware of their services.

Madison Forehand, Randolph Frierson, Erlene Lyde, Damiko Faulkner, Veronica Talton, and Linda Ingle spoke regarding the challenges Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools faced with respect to the recruitment and retention of teachers, as well as class size issues. They also asked for support of teacher assistants, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, as well as, office staff.

*Note: Commissioner Leake said she would like to know how many CMS employees, as well as, City of Charlotte employees, were receiving Public Assistance.*

*Commissioner Ridenhour noted that in response to the Chairman’s State of the County Address, Republican members of the Board indicated that they would be willing to consider a bond that would 1) provide CMS with funds for those things that they’ve said were priorities, 2) to build more Magnet Schools, and 3) funds would be used to provide parent identified needs in schools.*

*Commissioner Ridenhour said to date, no response had been received from CMS or anyone regarding that proposal.*

## **AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

### **16-3131 PROCLAMATION – SOCIAL WORK APPRECIATION MONTH**

Motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to adopt a Proclamation designating March 2016 as “Social Work Appreciation Month” in Mecklenburg County.

The proclamation was read by Chairman Fuller and received by Peggy Eagan, Director, Mecklenburg Department of Social Services.

***Commissioner Clarke left the dais prior to the above vote and was away until noted in the***

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minutes.



*Commissioner Clarke returned to the dais.*

## APPOINTMENTS

16-3145      APPOINTMENTS

INFORMATION SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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The vote was taken on the following nominees for appointment consideration to the Information Services and Technology Committee:

Frank Benson	Commissioners Leake, Puckett, and Scarborough
Thomas Sheehan	Commissioners Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough
Charlotte Whiteside	Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough

Chairman Fuller announced the appointment of Thomas Sheehan and Charlotte Whiteside to the Information Services and Technology Committee for a three-year term, expiring February 28, 2019.

They replace Bill Lynch who resigned and Paul Rossi who was no longer eligible to serve having served two full consecutive terms.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE**

**MANAGER’S REPORT – NONE**

**DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS’ MONTHLY REPORTS – NONE**

**STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS**

**16-3155      COMMISSIONER’S INTEREST ITEM – COUNTY FUNDED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (COMMISSIONER LEAKE)**

The Board received a presentation from Human Resources Director Joel Riddle and Economic Development Director Peter Zeiler in response to a topic of interest item submitted by Commissioner Leake during the preparation for the Board's Retreat held on January 27-28, 2016 with respect to a County Funded Apprenticeship program.

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*Note: Commissioner Leake would like County staff to explore the option, including cost of creating an apprenticeship program for 500-1,000 at risks teenagers ages 14-18. Also, companies that receive funding via the Business Investment Grants should be required to hire teenagers that participate in the apprenticeship program.*

The presentation covered the following:

- What is an Apprenticeship Program
- Current County Programs
- Program Costs
- Current Community Partnerships
- Future Opportunities

***A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.***

Comments

Commissioner Leake spoke in support of these efforts. She emphasized the importance of on the job training and making employment opportunities available.

Commissioner Ridenhour questioned whether 10,000 hours of work was indeed available. *Director Riddle acknowledged that this was an “ambitious” goal. He said more work was needed to determine the exact number of hours that would be available.*

Commissioner Ridenhour asked about the 500 proposed intern slots and how that number was derived.

Commissioner Leake said she came up with the number, which was based on the County’s population. Commissioner Leake said she was not opposed to reducing the number.

Commissioner Ridenhour said he would need more definitive information with respect to how the program would actually look before he could pledge his support of it.

Commissioner Cotham said it was “ambitious” to start something “so new, so huge.” Commissioner Cotham said as things moved forward that consideration should be given to what could really be successful, in terms of the numbers. She cautioned starting off with such high numbers.

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Commissioner Cotham asked about the Mayor's Youth Employment Program. *Director Riddle commented on the County's participation in the Mayor's program. He said the County provided funding for the program.*

Commissioner Cotham said at some point she would like to know more about the County's participation in the Mayor's program.

Commissioner Cotham asked about the Recreation Employment Corps Program, particularly about participants who were ages 14 and 15. She noted that 14 and 15 year olds had specific guidelines with respect to hours of work, location, etc. *Director Riddle said staff was aware of the guidelines and complied with them.*

Chairman Fuller thanked the presenters for the report.

### **16-3153      MECKLENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGES**

The Board received a presentation from Public Health Director, Dr. Marcus Plescia, highlighting Mecklenburg County's five biggest public health challenges in response to a topic of interest item submitted by Commissioner Clarke during the preparation for the Board's Retreat held on January 27-28, 2016 with respect to the five biggest public health challenges/issues currently facing Mecklenburg County.

*Note: Commissioner Clarke asked staff to report on the five biggest public health challenges/issues currently facing Mecklenburg County and what steps were being taken and need to be taken to address them.*

The following five health challenges were addressed:

- Chronic Diseases
  - Tobacco Use
  - Physical Activity and Nutrition
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- Unintended Pregnancy
- Violence

***A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.***

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Commissioner Scarborough expressed frustration with the “notion” that it’s the female’s responsibility when it came to preventing unintended pregnancies. Commissioner Scarborough said males had a responsibility as well.

Commissioner Scarborough said males needed to be educated as well. She requested information on what the County could do with respect to educating males.

Dr. Plescia said one of the things that needed to be done was a broad based community campaign about the importance of reducing unintended pregnancy. He said the campaign would be aimed at men and women.

Commissioner Scarborough said she would like to know if there’s any data regarding what other cities and/or counties had done or were doing to make men more responsible.

Commissioner Dunlap suggested an entire Public Policy session be dedicated to this subject, “Public Health Challenges” and that it be done prior to the Board getting into budget discussions.

Commissioner Leake addressed the role of the Health Department in addressing these types of issues.

Commissioner Clarke said public health was one of the most important responsibilities of the County.

Commissioner Clarke encouraged Dr. Plescia to consider the possibility of banning smoking in the workplace.

Commissioner Ridenhour addressed individual “freedom,” which he said was “choice.”

Commissioner Ridenhour said he would caution the Board with respect to a number of the suggestions in the report. He said a number of them “step out of the bounds of simply good ideas and ways to encourage the public to change their eating habits or smoking habits, etc.”

Commissioner Ridenhour said the suggestions “really become an authoritarian central planning method of controlling what people do.”

Commissioner Ridenhour also questioned the offering of “Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives.”

Dr. Plescia said the intent was to offer the option of “Long Active Reversible Contraceptives” to those that it made sense for, which was not everyone.



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Commissioner James asked Dr. Plescia if he had read the Center for Disease Control's recent report regarding HIV/AIDS and what was his thoughts on the report.

Dr. Plescia said he read the report. He said there were a lot of things in the report, but what staff focused on and had continued to focus on was the importance of testing and having access to treatment.

Commissioner James said if the County was going to be "serious" about reducing intended pregnancy, then the County had to be "serious about how to get to these girls and how we talk to them about not doing it."

Commissioner James said there were young girls being taken advantage of by adults, often who were family members and nothing was being done about it.

Commissioner James addressed the need to encourage people to change their behavior.

Dr. Plescia said the interventions noted in the report were all evidence-based interventions. Dr. Plescia said the impact of the interventions may not be as significant as one wanted, but they were effective.

Commissioner Cotham addressed the issue of tobacco use. Commissioner Cotham said she would like to see something with respect to prohibiting children in Foster Care being placed in a home where someone smoked. She said children in Foster Care should be in a smoke free environment. Commissioner Cotham said she would like to receive a response with respect to what could be done to accomplish that.

Commissioner Cotham said she would like to know what was being done as it related to the issuance of condoms, which was connected to the prevention of unintended pregnancy.

Commissioner Cotham also addressed food deserts.

Commissioner Puckett said it was the County's role to educate people regarding health issues. He said anything the County could do to educate people, to assist them in making informed decisions was a good thing to do and what the County should do.

Commissioner Puckett said there was a line, however, as to the County's role, when it came to trying to "force behavior" by "quasi use of the law or regulations."

Commissioner Puckett said when you start to "regulate" anything in "private areas," those areas "cease" being a private area, whether it's a home or business.

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Commissioner Puckett said he would like to have more discussion on these issues as well, including the impacts associated with these issues and interventions.

Commissioner Puckett echoed Commissioner James' concern regarding young girls being taken advantage of and nothing being done about.

Commissioner Puckett said he would also like to discuss the "enabling" part of this on the part of government.

Chairman Fuller agreed that the topic of "Public Health Challenges" in Mecklenburg County should be further discussed at a designated Public Policy meeting.

Chairman Fuller said he would like to see some specific proposals of things the County could actually do when the matter came back up for discussion.

Chairman Fuller said there was a common element among these issues, which was the connection to economic opportunity. He said sometimes these problems occurred because of the lack of economic opportunity.

Chairman Fuller in response to comments regarding individual freedoms, said there were limits to those freedoms. He said "we cannot live in a society where everybody does whatever they want to do."

Chairman Fuller thanked Dr. Plescia for the report.

The above is not inclusive of every comment but is a summary.

#### **16-3154      REVALUATION PREPARATION UPDATE**

The Board received a presentation from County Assessor, Ken Joyner, highlighting the preparation underway for the next revaluation in response to a topic of interest item submitted by Commissioner Dunlap during the preparation for the Board's Retreat held on January 27-28, 2016.

Note: Commissioner Dunlap had requested an update on the County's preparation for the next revaluation.

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County Assessor Joyner said if the Board went with staff's recommendation for the next revaluation taking place in January 2019, then the next one after that would be 2023, followed by 2025. He said this would get the County on a two-year cycle.

***A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.***

#### Comments

Commissioner Dunlap noted that during the last revaluation there was a lot of concern about the value of homes in areas where there were a lot of foreclosures. He said another value concern was around homogenous neighborhoods versus others.

Commissioner Dunlap said he liked the idea of “Bringing Mecklenburg County To You” being done by the Tax Office as it related to offsite appeals/Board of Equalization and Review locations.

Commissioner Dunlap said based on what was outlined in Tax Assessor Joyner's presentation, it addressed customer service in a positive way. He said customer service was a major issue with respect to the last revaluation.

Commissioner Dunlap said he hoped when the next revaluation came up that staff would make sure the Board was well prepared also on what its role was. He noted that the Board was responsible for approving the Schedule of Values.

Commissioner Dunlap said the Board would also need a clear understanding of the revaluation process, so that when asked questions, Board members would be able to respond appropriately.

Commissioner Puckett commented on the availability of sales information on-line. *Assessor Joyner explained what sales information would be available.*

Commissioner Puckett asked if there would be a way by which areas were flagged if there had been a significant amount of change since the last time that area was reviewed. *Tax Assessor Joyner addressed how that change would be captured during the normal process of revaluation going forward.*

Commissioner Puckett said his preference was to get on a two-year revaluation schedule, noting that 2019 would be another eight years.

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Chairman Fuller said his preference was to have the next Revaluation in 2018, but that he understood staff's rationale for 2019. Chairman Fuller said if that was what it would take to get the County on a two-year schedule, then he was willing to wait.

Chairman Fuller thanked County Assessor Joyner for the report.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS - NONE**

**CLOSED SESSION      16-3130 - LAND ACQUISITION MEDIC RELOCATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes, to:

- 1) Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of Tax Parcel 115-091-03 (+/- 0.358 acres) located on Wilkinson Boulevard in the City of Charlotte for the relocation of MEDIC Headquarters for a purchase price of \$350,000 per acre from Southern Region Industrial Realty, Inc. (Norfolk Southern Railroad); and
- 2) Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute a property use agreement with Southern Region Industrial Realty, Inc., for the temporary use of Norfolk Southern's railroad right-of-way south of the future MEDIC Headquarters on Wilkinson Blvd for up to eighteen (18) months and all documents necessary to facilitate construction of the MEDIC facility.

**CLOSED SESSION      16-3130 - LAND ACQUISITION GAR CREEK NATURE PRESERVE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Puckett, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes, to:

- 1) Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of Tax Parcel 015-252-27 (+/- 32.14 acres) in the Town of Huntersville from Nisbet Capital, Limited Partnership for expansion of Gar Creek Nature Preserve for a purchase price of \$785,000; and
- 2) Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of Tax Parcel 015-461-10 (+/- 14.45 acres) in the Town of Huntersville from

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Thomas and Robin McCoy for expansion of Gar Creek Nature Preserve for a purchase price of \$325,000.

**CLOSED SESSION      16-3130 - LAND ACQUISITION UPPER LAKE WYLIE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Puckett, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of Tax Parcels 031-163-03 and 031-471-09 (+/- 84.76 acres) in the City of Charlotte's extra-territorial jurisdiction from Huntersville Investment, LLC for park, nature preserve, open space, and watershed protection for a purchase price of \$1,000,000.

**CLOSED SESSION      16-3130 - LAND ACQUISITION LAND EXCHANGE**

County Attorney Bethune addressed an intent to exchange property with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.

County Attorney Bethune informed the Board that the matter would be brought back to the Board at a later date; and that in the interim staff would conduct the community outreach that the Board requested take place.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the following items:**

**16-3122      PROCLAMATION – GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP FOR KEEP MECKLENBURG BEAUTIFUL**

Adopt a Proclamation designating March 1 through May 31, 2016 as the "Great American Clean Up" in Mecklenburg County.

*Note: The Great American Cleanup is the country's largest community improvement program that kicks off in more than 20,000 communities each spring. This national program engages 2*

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*million volunteers who take action in their communities to create positive change and lasting impact.*



**16-3126      BUDGET AMENDMENT – GOVERNOR’S CRIME COMMISSION - BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT AWARD (REVENUE INCREASE)**

1. Recognize, receive and appropriate funds from the N.C. Department of Public Safety, Governor's Crime Commission in the amount of \$25,659.80.
2. Recognize and appropriate local match in the amount of \$49,810.20 from Concealed Handgun Permit fees to the General Fund Grant Fund.

*Note: This grant from the Governor’s Crime Commission will provide funding for the implementation of a Body Worn Camera program to be deployed in the Sheriff’s Office Field Operations and Courts Divisions.*

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**16-3132      HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM – FY16 FLOODPLAIN ACQUISITION**

Accept the Offer of Sale of Real Estate from Lucy Murray Dickens owner of property at 5114 Lincrest Place (Tax Parcel 185-071-02), for \$365,000; and authorize the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police and Fire Departments to utilize the structure for training exercises.

*Note: This acquisition is being done through the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services' Engineering & Mitigation Program. The goal of the Program is to minimize the risk of potential loss of life and property damage from flooding while enhancing the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain (creating open space, expanding greenways, constructing wetlands, etc.).*

**16-3134      MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of Regular meeting held February 16, 2016 and Closed Session held February 16, 2016.

**16-3141      TAX REFUNDS**

Approve refunds in the amount of \$166,677.63 and interest as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

*Note: This Board action is necessary to approve tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, audits and other amendments, including revaluation appeals. Accrued interest is estimated to be \$22,866.29.*

**THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT**

**16-3138      BUDGET AMENDMENT – HEALTH DEPARTMENT (REVENUE INCREASE)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes, to:

1) Recognize, receive and appropriate funding from NC Division of Public Health (DPH) Communicable Disease Branch of \$16,065 for FY16.

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2) Approve the creation of a Case Coordinator to be fully funded with the additional and ongoing funding from DPH.

3) Recognize and appropriate \$106,826 in state and federal revenues, fees and charges.

*Note: DPH has awarded the Health Department funding to support the provision of HIV medications in the community through the NC AIDS Drug Assistance program (ADAP) for needy, uninsured residents of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Transitional Grant Area (TGA). This agreement would establish a full time case coordinator position to provide program services, assisting eligible persons with ADAP medications; outreach and training for HIV service providers. During the fiscal year, the Health Department receives notification of modified funding for programs within the department from DPH. The increase of state and federal allocations is \$86,276. Other revenue adjustments include: an increase in revenue for the Sale of Birth and Death Certificates \$20,000 and an increase of \$550 in child care workshop fees.*

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

**16-3139 GRANT APPLICATION – ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH COMMUNITY (HEALTH DEPARTMENT)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes, to:

1. Approve submission of a grant application for \$902,000 per year for up to five years from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) be effective January 1, 2017.
2. Approve the creation of one Program Manager, one Health Program Coordinator/Supervisor and one Quality and Training Specialist; and if awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate awarded funds for the grant period.

*Note: The Mecklenburg County Health Department is requesting approval to apply for funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Accountable Health Community Grant for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021. These funds will support the implementation of a new model for connecting clinical and community-based service delivery to serve high risk Medicare and Medicaid eligible patients. The model aims to identify and address beneficiaries' health-related social needs in at least the following core areas: housing instability and quality, food insecurity, utility needs, interpersonal violence, and*



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*transportation needs beyond medical transportation.*

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

**16-3140          DONATION FOR PARALYMPIC SPORTS CLUB – METROLINA (PARK AND RECREATION)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Puckett, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and carried 9-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes, to accept and appropriate a donation of \$1,264 from Mark Oil Company/BP for the Paralympic Sports Club - Metrolina, a program of Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation/Therapeutic Recreation Section to support the Paralympic sports club efforts.

Commissioner Puckett removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

***Commissioner James left the dais and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.***

**16-3142          GRANT APPLICATION -- 2016 US TENNIS ASSOCIATION OF NC 10 AND UNDER EQUIPMENT GRANT (PARK AND RECREATION)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve submission a \$1,200 grant application for a United States Tennis Association(USTA) of North Carolina matching grant to purchase youth tennis equipment and if awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate such funds.

*Note: The USTA of North Carolina is offering a matching 10 and Under Equipment Grant. This grant will allow Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation to receive \$2,400 worth of equipment for an investment of \$1,200. The equipment will be used for youth lessons and clinics held at: Park Road Park, Jeff Adams Tennis Center, Freedom Park, Latta Park, Veterans Park, Colonel Francis Beatty Park, and Jetton Park.*

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

**16-3144          MECKLENBURG COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM – CONSOLIDATED AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT #1**

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Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the amendment to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2015-2020 and FY2016 Annual Action Plan for Mecklenburg County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

*Note: As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Mecklenburg County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2015-2020 and FY2016 Annual Action Plan were both approved by the Board of County Commissioners. This amendment to these plans is required due to the following actions: The County's FY16-20 (HUD's Federal Fiscal Year 2015-2019) Consolidated Plan is amended to reflect the addition of the Town of Pineville as a participating member jurisdiction. The Town of Pineville's eligibility for Community Development Block Grant funding will begin in the County's FY 2016-17.*

*The 2015 Annual Action Plan (2015AAP) is also amended to reflect several changes that include the addition of three projects for Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity. These projects will utilize \$90,000 from the 2015AAP allocation and \$36,000 in floating CDBG funds. These projects were originally included in the 2015AAP, however, they were removed due to a clerical error that disqualified the Town of Matthews as a member jurisdiction and reduced Mecklenburg County's annual allocation for the County's FY 2015-2016 funding cycle. This error has since been resolved, and the annual allocation has been increased to account for the Town of Matthews' participation; a total of \$103,017 has been reinstated for the 2015AAP.*

*Further, the Davidson-Cornelius Child Development Center Child Tuition project is receiving an allocation increase of \$21,000. This satisfies DCCDC's original funding request, which could not be fulfilled at the time of application due to lack of available funds. This additional funding was derived from several 2014AAP projects that did not fully expend project allocations. Lastly, the 2015AAP Huntersville Survey project (\$10,000) will be omitted due to an inability to certify the resulting projects from the survey would produce the required beneficiaries.*

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

***A copy of the plan is on file with the Clerk to the Board.***

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

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Janice S. Paige, Clerk

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Trevor M. Fuller, Chairman